

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A host computer and a fiber channel switch
portion are connected with an optical fiber cable
through respective fiber channel interfaces. Likewise,
5 the fiber channel switch portion and FC drives are
connected with respective optical fiber cables through
respective fiber channel interfaces. A controlling
portion and the FC drives are connected with respective
RS-232C cables. Alias WWNNs and alias WWPNS of the FC
10 drives are assigned by the controlling portion 20
through respective RS-232C cables. Data reproduced by
the FC drives 32 and 33 and data supplied thereto are
transmitted and received to and from the host computer
through for example respective optical fiber cables.

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